

Virginia Mining Institute
Mine Rescue Contest – 2009

GROUND RULES

1. Nails are not to be used on the field. Top boards have been constructed with slots to connect to the up-rights to stabilize the framework. Ventilation curtains have been provided with Velcro strips. Bottom boards will not be used for temporary stoppings.
2. Connection of permanent stoppings, temporary stoppings, airlocks, or seals will require connection of all straps. Four (4) straps on top and two (2) on each side must be completed. The lower strap on each side may be left loose for those curtains.
3. Frames are anchored in place on the field cannot be disassembled. An adequate quantity of building material to work the problem will be provided.
4. When removing curtain from the frames, each Velcro strap must be disconnected individually. Do not pull on the curtain to disconnect the Velcro strap. This may result in broken straps.
5. Working time for the problems will be stipulated each day. If teams do not complete the problem in time allowed, they will be discounted for any unaccounted for people and for anything that should have been located and mapped.
6. A set of frames and ventilation curtain will be located in the lockup area so teams can become familiar with erecting ventilation controls before they work the problem.
7. If weather conditions require judges to alter an airtight build (i.e. loosening the straps, sliding the curtain, etc.) on the field during the working of the problem by the team, a four-inch (4") yellow strip will be attached by the judges to the cross member to indicate to the team that the build is still intact.